



**U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Governmentwide Policy**

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**CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL LETTER NO. 97-2**

**MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES, OTHER THAN NASA**

**FROM:       EDWARD C. LOEB**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT:    Accession of Hong Kong to WTO Government Procurement Agreement**

On June 11, 1997, the Office of the United States Trade Representative submitted a request to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (attached) to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in Subpart 25.4 to add Hong Kong to the list of eligible countries designated under Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979. The designation becomes effective on June 19, 1997.

Until the FAR is amended in 25.401, please take all necessary steps to ensure guidance is issued to contracting activities, and that procurements conducted after June 19, 1997, are in accordance with this designation.

Attachment

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Susan Alesi  
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Procurement Law and Legislation  
Office of Federal Procurement Policy  
Office of Management and Budget

FROM: Rebecca Reese  
Director  
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SUBJECT: Addition of Hong Kong to List of Countries Designated Under  
the Trade Agreements Act of 1979

Negotiations with Hong Kong regarding its accession to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement were concluded in December 1996 and Hong Kong deposited its instrument of accession to the Agreement on May 20, 1997. Under the procedures established for the Agreement, Hong Kong's accession will become effective on June 19, 1997. Accordingly, USTR requests that the FAR Council amend Subpart 25.4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation to add Hong Kong to the list of eligible countries designated under Title III of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 effective June 19, 1997. Thank you.